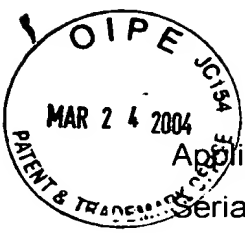


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AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL

SIR:

Enclosed herewith is an Amendment in response to the Office Action of December 24, 2003, for the above-identified application.

It is believed that no fees are due in connection with this Amendment. However, should any fees be due, the Commissioner is authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 11-0600 for such fees. A duplicate copy of this communication is enclosed for charging purposes.

Respectfully submitted,

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AMENDMENT

SIR:

In response to the Office Action of December 24, 2003, please amend the above-referenced application without prejudice as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 4 of this paper.

Amendments to the Drawings begin on page 10 of this paper and include an attached new drawing sheet.

Remarks begin on page 11 of this paper.